

COMMITTEE ON LEGISLATIVE RESEARCH
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FISCAL NOTE

L.R. No.: 5114-01
Bill No.: Perfected HB 1250
Subject: Cities, Towns and Villages; Elections; Secretary of State
Type: Original
Date: February 14, 2012

Bill Summary: This proposal allows certain third class cities to cancel any primary election for the office of mayor and councilman.

FISCAL SUMMARY

ESTIMATED NET EFFECT ON GENERAL REVENUE FUND			
FUND AFFECTED	FY 2013	FY 2014	FY 2015
Total Estimated Net Effect on General Revenue Fund	\$0	\$0	\$0

ESTIMATED NET EFFECT ON OTHER STATE FUNDS			
FUND AFFECTED	FY 2013	FY 2014	FY 2015
Total Estimated Net Effect on <u>Other</u> State Funds	\$0	\$0	\$0

Numbers within parentheses: () indicate costs or losses.
This fiscal note contains 5 pages.

ESTIMATED NET EFFECT ON FEDERAL FUNDS			
FUND AFFECTED	FY 2013	FY 2014	FY 2015
Total Estimated Net Effect on <u>All</u> Federal Funds	\$0	\$0	\$0

ESTIMATED NET EFFECT ON FULL TIME EQUIVALENT (FTE)			
FUND AFFECTED	FY 2013	FY 2014	FY 2015
Total Estimated Net Effect on FTE	0	0	0

☐ Estimated Total Net Effect on All funds expected to exceed \$100,000 savings or (cost).

☐ Estimated Net Effect on General Revenue Fund expected to exceed \$100,000 (cost).

ESTIMATED NET EFFECT ON LOCAL FUNDS			
FUND AFFECTED	FY 2013	FY 2014	FY 2015
Local Government	\$0	\$0	\$0

FISCAL ANALYSIS

ASSUMPTION

Officials from the **City of Monett (COM)** assumes this proposal would allow certain cities with a commission-form of government and are required by state law to hold a primary election in February to cancel the primary election prior to our general municipal election in April. Primary elections are held every four years.

COM states its share of the two previous February primary elections to be:

2008: \$6,744

2004: \$5,977

COM states the 2012 primary election will cost \$7,500.

COM states, the February primary will not serve the intended purpose of narrowing the field of candidates because the number of candidates for the offices up for election do not exceed the number that would proceed to the general election in April.

COM assumes a savings of \$7,500 every four years as a result of this proposal since the office of mayor and councilman have four year terms. The next scheduled primary election for these elected offices will occur in FY 2016.

Officials at the **City of West Plains** state the Office of Mayor and City Councilman have 4 year terms of office. Primary elections are held each year if enough candidates have filed for the elected office. This proposal would allow the city to cancel the primary if two or fewer candidates file for the elected office. The city would realize a savings if the primary is cancelled.

Officials from the **Office of Secretary of State (SOS)** state, the City of West Plains and the City of Monett are the only two 3rd class cities with a commission form of government that have a primary election.

SOS assumes that there is no fiscal impact from this proposal.

ASSUMPTION (Continued)

Oversight assumes the City of West Plains and the City of Monett would realize minimal savings, dependent upon the cancellation of the February primary when the number of candidates that file for the office of mayor and councilman does not exceed the number required to proceed to the general election.

Oversight assumes the City of West Plains and the City of Monett may or may not choose to have a primary election for the office of mayor and councilman.

Oversight assumes the only cities effected by this legislation are the City of West Plains and the City of Monett.

Oversight assumes no impact to local government funds as some localities may already be realizing any savings due to the cancellation of the primary or they may choose to hold a primary.

<u>FISCAL IMPACT - State Government</u>	FY 2013 (10 Mo.)	FY 2014	FY 2015
	<u>\$0</u>	<u>\$0</u>	<u>\$0</u>

<u>FISCAL IMPACT - Local Government</u>	FY 2013 (10 Mo.)	FY 2014	FY 2015
	<u>\$0</u>	<u>\$0</u>	<u>\$0</u>

FISCAL IMPACT - Small Business

No direct fiscal impact to small businesses would be expected as a result of this proposal.

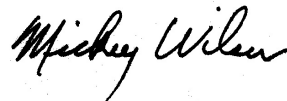
FISCAL DESCRIPTION

This bill allows certain third class cities organized under Sections 78.010 - 78.400, RSMo, to cancel, by order or ordinance, any primary election for the office of mayor and councilman that is currently held in February. A person wishing to become a candidate for these offices must file a signed statement of candidacy with the city clerk in order to be placed on the ballot in the next municipal election.

This legislation is not federally mandated, would not duplicate any other program and would not require additional capital improvements or rental space.

SOURCES OF INFORMATION

Office of Secretary of State
City of Monett
City of West Plains



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